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Slow down: Speed limit on South US 183 lowered

A reduced speed limit on US 183 at Lockhart's southern border is now in effect as the City works to improve traffic safety in that area.

A speed limit of 55 mph is now in effect on the stretch of US 183 that runs from just north of Summerside Avenue in Lockhart to south of CR 213. The speed limit on that stretch of roadway was previously 65 mph. TxDOT has installed signage that indicates the new speed limit.

The Texas Transportation Commission approved the city's request for the reduced speed limit in May.

"Our goal is to reduce fatal and injury crashes, especially those attributed to speeding and distracted driving near the Summerside subdivision entrance," Lockhart City Manager Steven Lewis said. "The Lockhart Police Department has increased its presence in that area to safeguard those who travel and live in Lockhart."

The new speed limit is one of multiple ways the city is working to make that roadway safer.

The city plans to place two solar radar feedback signs in view of drivers traveling both northbound and southbound on US 183.

The city has also worked with Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative to complete lighting upgrades near the U.S. 183/Summerside intersection.